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FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH - BELTSVILLE, INC.
P.O. BOX 1061
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20704-1061

**Dedicated to Promote the Research and Education Programs of the Henry A. Wallace
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), Beltsville, Maryland**

Dear John,

I am writing on behalf of Friends of Research - Beltsville, Inc (FAR-B). During the 27 years since its incorporation in 1985, FAR-B has contributed tens of thousands of dollars to BARC programs and made numerous contributions that cannot be assigned a dollar value.

FAR-B's contributions include assistance with activities illegal for government employees, such as collecting and dispersing funds from meeting registration 2) supplementing government funding for staffing, equipment purchases, travel, etc.; and 3) outreach to local citizens, and agricultural, science and political leaders. BARC employees may benefit directly from specific programs or from programs that benefit the entire Center.

In today's society, people often ask, "what have you done for me lately?" Below are a few examples of FAR-B's assistance to BARC during the past two years:

- * funded four summer student interns in 2012,
- Provided financial support for numerous programs developed by the Area Diversity Taskforce, including the 2011 Graduate Student Agricultural Research Symposium and the Student Discovery Garden ,
- secured the tent for the 2011 poster day, provided lunch and refreshments and presented cash awards to the 3 winners of the high school intern posters,
- handled registration and dispersed funds for a Plant Germplasm Operations Committee meeting, a BARD workshop, and the 2011 and 2012 BARC - University of MD Symposia,
- submitted annual written testimony to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives Agricultural Committees in support of BARC's research program,
- provided refreshments for numerous scientific and political leaders visiting BARC,
- maintained contact with t national, state and local political leaders, which contributed to visits by Secretary Vilsack, Congressman Hoyer and County Executive Baker
- continued a decade long program to fund week long science enrichment programs "Ag in the Classroom" at the Beltsville Academy, formerly the Beltsville Elementary School
- provided judges and prizes at the annual Prince Georges, Montgomery and Howard County middle school science fairs

FAR-B's primary sources of funds are dues and donations from Personal and Patron Members, who are largely retirees who understand and appreciate FAR-B's role, and CFC contributions of employees. Many employees are not aware that they can be Associate Members for a nominal amount of \$15 annually. Although the amount of money from Associate Members is not great, it is important to FAR-B to be able to demonstrate to others that BARC employees are supportive of FAR-B's programs.

Thus, I would like to invite you to become an Associate Member. Also, I hope you will encourage all of the scientists and support staff in your Laboratory who are also eligible to become associate Members.

Sincerely,

Allan K. Stoner,
Member Chairman, FAR-B

Dear FAR-B Member:

January marks the beginning of our fiscal year and membership fees are now due. Your continued support is crucial to the success of our organization. Enclosed is FAR-B's new membership brochure that outlines FAR-B's current goals and some of our special activities. As you will see from this brochure and the January issue of ***THE FAR-B NEWS***, which you should have received a few days back, FAR-B has an extremely active program. FAR-B plays an ever increasing roll in assisting BARC to carry out its mission at a time when BARC is facing unprecedented budgetary constraints.

Membership dues shown below have remained the same since the organization was founded in 1985.

5	Personal Membership.....	\$20
6	Patron Membership.....	\$100
7	Sustaining Membership.....	\$500 or above
8	Associate Membership (USDA employees)	\$10

If you have suggestions for activities that you believe FAR-B should consider for involvement, please contact one of the officers or members of the Board of Directors with your suggestion. FAR-B's E-mail address is farbboard@comcast.net).

Dues should be mailed to: **FAR-B, Inc., P.O. Box 1061, Beltsville, MD 20704-1061.**

Also, for future communication we would be grateful if you could furnish us with your E-mail address if you have one:

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Sincerely,

K. Darwin Murrell
President, FAR-B

Allan Stoner
Chairman, FAR-B Membership Committee

P.S. After you have examined the new FAB brochure, please pass it on to a friend or colleague and ask them to consider becoming a FAR-B member. FAR-B greatly needs additional members so that we can better serve BARC and the surrounding community.

Dear Retiree:

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Please join us in our efforts to maintain the excellence of the research activities at Beltsville. You will find application form in our brochure in this package.

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

**Philip C. Kearney
President**

Dear Dale:

I am writing to invite you to join the Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville. This is an organization that works to support the scientists and research programs at Beltsville. Paul Putnam worked to organize such a group when he was Director, but it did not come into being until Waldy Klassen got it going in 1985. Dr. Ted Byerly was among the first members of the Board of Directors and served on the Board until he died in 1990.

The Friends co-sponsor symposia, conferences, and workshops on topics of current interest at Beltsville. For example, during the past year, we provided funding support for the Livestock and Poultry Sciences Institute to organize a Waste Management Workshop at BARC and also to bring in members of the swine industry to discuss their research needs. This year, FAR-B provided financial support for two BARC scientists to spend time at two research centers overseas to update their technical skills and plan future cooperative research programs. We work very closely with the Beltsville leaders to ensure that we are working in the best interests of the Center.

Dale, based upon your long years of working at Beltsville, you know that there are many needs that cannot be fully met with the funds available. The Friends group has very modest financial resources, but these funds can be very helpful when used in the right places.

I hope that you will review the materials I have enclosed. And, of course, we hope that you will see fit to join with us and become a member of the Friends of Agricultural Research.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Essex E. Finney, Jr.

Encl (2) Forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

E. Dennis Merrill
President, FAR-B

Allan K. Simon
Chairman, FAR-B Membership Committee

November 14, 2006

Dear ,

We are writing to invite you to become a member of Friends of Agricultural Research-Beltsville, Inc. (FAR-B). As a long-time employee of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), you are no doubt aware of FAR-B, but we are enclosing our brochure and our most recent newsletter which provide information about the organization, its goals and some of its recent activities.

Since its founding in 1985, FAR-B has been involved in many activities in support of BARC and its employees. Generally, we try to help with projects which BARC is unable, or finds difficult, to fund. Some recent examples of FAR-B activities include the contribution of \$25,000 toward the purchase of a state-of-the-art microscope for the Systematic Entomology Laboratory, providing \$20,000 for scientists professional travel, and initiation of an Innovative Idea Award to help jump start projects where in-house funding is not available. FAR-B also provides testimony to the U.S. Congress regarding BARC's contributions and funding needs; financial support for laboratory reviews, workshops, conferences, field days; and support for science fairs, teacher education and other outreach programs involving elementary, middle, and high schools.

Because of the dire financial situation that BARC is currently experiencing, it and its scientists and support staff need FAR-B's assistance more than ever. Thus, we are currently attempting to facilitate creation of an "Alliance" of BARC customers and stakeholders to work to develop the financial and political support necessary to keep the Center a leader in agricultural research.

You will find a FAR-B membership application form in the enclosed brochure. Note that the annual Personal Membership fee is only \$20 and Patron Membership in \$100. In addition to the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to maintain BARC's excellence as a agricultural research facility, as a FAR-B member you will receive a semi-annual Newsletter, plus the monthly ARS magazine Agricultural Research. You will also have an opportunity to attend the annual FAR-B meeting to learn of the latest developments at Beltsville and ARS.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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K. Darwin Murrill
President, FAR-B

Allan K. Stoner
Chairman, FAR-B Membership Committee

October 14, 2008

Mr. John P. Extraordinary
CEO, WXYZ Corporation
Bucks Plaza, Suite 444
Special Town, TR 44444

Dear John:

The Friends of Agricultural Research-Beltsville, Inc. (FAR-B) cordially invites your organization to become a Patron or Sustaining member of FAR-B. FAR-B membership enables firms or organizations such as yours to informally support research and education - including soybean research - at the USDA-ARS Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), including the poultry and turkey research programs.

Here are some of the principal ways that FAR-B contributes to BARC and its mission:

- 1 provide funds to help upgrade BARC equipment or facilities to enhance scientific expertise;
- 1 provide funds for BARC scientists in support of their travel to scientific meetings, and summer internships for promising college bound students;
- 2 financial support for symposia, field days, workshops, and scientific seminars each year;
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- 4 support the educational programs of the Agricultural Research Service's National Visitor Center located at Beltsville;
- 5 provide specialized advice and counsel to the Beltsville Area Director and the Director's staff.

FAR-B strongly supports soybean research and other BARC research and education programs. We know that you share our interest in helping to carry out these excellent research programs. We are a tax-exempt organization under 501 (c)3 of the IRS code; thus, your membership contribution would be fully tax deductible. To learn more about FAR-B's mission and its activities and membership fees, I am enclosing our brochure and please see our web site: <http://www.far-b.org>. Also for more about BARC, please see the BARC web site: http://www.ars.usda.gov/main/site_main.htm?modecode=12-00-00-00.

We hope it will be possible to welcome your organization to FAR-B.

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Membership Chairman, FAR-B

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As an organization that has been a supporter of poultry and turkey research conducted at BARC, we know that you share our interest in helping to carry out the excellent research programs at Beltsville. To learn more about FAR-B's mission and activities, we invite you to check our web site: <http://www.far-b.org>. As a tax-exempt organization under 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Code, your membership is a tax-deductible contribution. For additional information on BARC, also see their web site at http://www.ars.usda.gov/main/site_main.htm?modecode=12-00-00-00.

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Vernon Pursel, Ph.D.



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20705

August 24, 1995

SUBJECT: FAR-B Membership Drive

TO: Institute/Center Directors
Deputy Area Director, FMOD

FROM: T. J. Sexton, Institute Director *T.J.S.*
Livestock and Poultry Sciences Institute

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Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Enclosure

cc:

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TO: BA Employees

FROM: John G. Moseman, President, FAR-B

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I WISH TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF FAR-B.

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We are writing to you at this time concerning the status of your membership in FAR-B (Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.). Although we have continued to carry you on our rolls, according to our records we have not received your dues for the current membership year. We suspect that a number of members just overlooked sending in their dues payment at the time reminder notices were sent out in April and, admittedly, we just have not followed up since then. But unless we can enlist the continued support of all our members, it will be very difficult for our organization to continue to be of assistance to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Unfortunately, we have not taken in a significant number of new members to offset the loss of members for one reason or another.

When our officers and Board of Directors met in October we decided it might be well to change our membership year to a calendar year basis rather than retain the April through March year we started out with when FAR-B was activated back in 1986. We thought the calendar year would serve as a better reminder for our members and also would be better from a bookkeeping standpoint. Accordingly, all dues collected now, or sent in within a reasonable period after January 1, will be credited as paid-up membership for 1995. We are keeping our dues at \$10. for Associate Members (current ARS employees); \$20. for retirees and others outside of ARS (Personal Members); and \$100. for those who wish to continue or join as Patrons.

We hope that you will reactivate your membership by sending in your dues for 1995 in the next few weeks. As you know, your membership dues are tax-deductible.

There is one other thing we would like to ask of you. Talk to a fellow-employee about FAR-B and try to enlist a new member. Or give us names and addresses of employees - or retirees you know - and we will contact them. So, once again, we need your support and we look forward to hearing from you.

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